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All this may and probably does sound as plausible as the arguments urged with so much tireless iteration on platform and in pamphlet against the opium traffic. But like the opium crusade the missionary crusade comes a little too late, if there was any chance of its success. Moreover, the Treaty Powers see in the movement directed nominally against missionaries the commencement of a determined attempt to oust all foreigners from China. At least no distinction was made in the destruction of foreign property; in fact, if anything, more consideration was shown during the riots to the missionaries, the houses of those residing in the city being spared. The truth is—and it may as well be confessed—foreigners are only tolerated in China at all on compulsion. The concessions contained in the Treaties were wrung from the Chinese at the point of the sword, and it is only by an occasional resort to the same weapon that we shall be able to keep them. For many years the Chinese Government—and especially Li Hsiao-chang and one or two other officials—have been steadily labouring to effect by peaceable means what they then despaired of being able to accomplish by force, namely the practical expulsion of the hated "barbarians." This was to be done originally by wresting from him the coast trade, by sending Chinese merchants abroad, and in other ways rendering commerce unremunerative to foreign traders in China.

Later it dawned upon the Chinese official mind that this process was likely to prove tedious, and new tactics have been developed. The army and navy were to be quickly developed, strategic railways built, the coast and rivers thoroughly fortified and protected, and China, with her vast resources of men and material gradually brought into a position in which she could successfully defy any of the great European Powers. The little war with France in 1884-5 taught her much and suggested more. The Peking mandarin has also learned by experience that the Treaty Powers have discordant and opposing interests, and they have hoped to play them off one against the other, throwing a bone to one in the shape of a big contract for railway material and dangling temptation of another kind in the face of the other. Presuming on expected divisions of opinion and interest among the Treaty Powers, the Chinese Government has perhaps taken action too soon, allowing a movement to be initiated in Central China to drive out all the missionaries. Of course they will deny complicity in the movement, and perhaps it would be hard to prove it directly; it is more a matter of conviction, arising out of circumstances.

But the concert of the Treaty Powers is, happily for the interests of civilization, complete. The Foreign Ministers refuse to be seduced by contracts or to be wheedled by smooth phrases and lame excuses. All the calculations of the Tung-shi Yamen have been upset; their house of cards has come down with a run. They are in the position of the man who dug a hole and fell into it himself. They are between the Devil and the Deep Sea; they have suffered enough to go so far that they must now either face a probable dangerous rebellion in Hunan or submit to a foreign occupation of the province and to conditions of settlement with the Treaty Powers such as they would never otherwise have yielded without a war. But of course this can only be accomplished by the Powers continuing to stand firm and united. And in this connection we would venture to expostulate with certain other worldly insane faddists in the English Press who have of late years been sowing the idea of an Anglo-Chinese alliance. Propositious as the idea was for its inception, it has become increasingly apparent to any sane mind that such an alliance would be unnatural and fatuous. Unnatural because Chinese statesmen have no conception of honour, place no value on truth, and see no shame in breaking the most solemn agreement. And after all could we for a moment in cool blood contemplate the notion of using Chinese forces against a European and civilized foe? Factions, because we should be leaning on a reed, which would be sure to fail in the critical moment, leaving us the well-earned execration of the civilized world. China is not to be counted as a civilized Power; it is a grievous mistake so to regard her. Because she is not it is therefore to be feared; because she is a nation so venal, she is not therefore to be respected. Let her come forth from her selfish seclusion stripped of her inordinate and arrogant conceit, and show—as Japan is manifestly doing at great

sacrifice of prejudice and sentiment—that she is capable of reform and advancement, and she will meet with generous consideration. If, however, she continues to hug tradition and nurse her national vanity, holding foreigners in detestation and contempt, and determined to keep them and their institutions at bay, then must she be prepared to face a storm which may already be rising, and which in its hurrying will shatter the edifice of her pride and leave her broken and prostrate at the foot of the despised Westerners.

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